

*Washington, DC* – U.S. Representative John Hall (D-NY19) issued the following statement today in support of H.R. 4156, the Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, which passed the House last night by a vote of 218 to 203. “Last night the House once again voted to change the direction of President Bush’s failed course in Iraq. This bill provides what is desperately needed in Iraq: a firm timeline for withdrawal and a requirement that the Pentagon develop a sensible strategy for reducing U.S. forces in Iraq and handing Iraq back to the Iraqis. Further, its clear ban on the use of torture reaffirms America’s commitment to the rule of law. I am hopeful that the Senate will pass this legislation and that the President will change his misguided policy in Iraq.”

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